

AIRPORT ROAD OVER SPRING CREEK BRIDGE AND SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT



September 2020

Sewer replacement, utility improvements begin ahead of replacement of Airport Road bridge over Spring Creek



Project Overview

BRIDGE/CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT: The City of Colorado Springs has initiated a project to rebuild the Airport Road over Spring Creek Bridge, increasing its length to accommodate sidewalks and deepen the channel to enable flood flows to pass below the roadway.

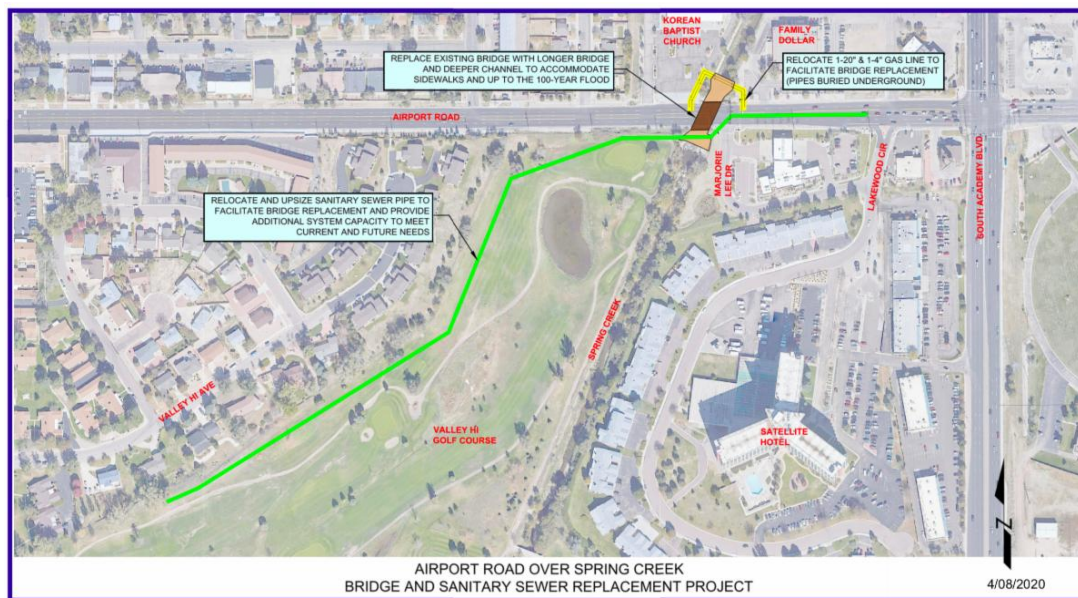
SIDEWALKS: New sidewalks will be constructed across the bridge on both sides of Airport Road. The north sidewalk will connect to the existing sidewalk adjacent to the bridge. A future project will extend the southern sidewalk to connect to the existing sidewalk that now ends about a block west of the bridge.

AIRPORT ROAD TEMPORARY CLOSURE: For approximately four months, starting late this year, Airport Road at the bridge over Spring Creek will be completely closed for bridge reconstruction and water and sewer line relocation. Signed traffic and pedestrian detours will be in place. More information and schedule updates regarding this closure will be sent in future newsletters.

UTILITIES WORK: Replacement of the bridge over Spring Creek will require relocation of water, sewer and gas lines that cross under it. About 2,500 feet of the existing sanitary sewer line will be replaced with a larger pipe to accommodate current needs and future growth in the city.

- Prior to the start of the bridge replacement work, in late September, Colorado Springs Utilities will install portions of this 42" sanitary sewer line starting along the edge of the Hole 11 Fairway of Valley Hi Golf Course, progressing northeast along the western edge of the course toward the Hole 11 Green up to the Spring Creek Bridge area. The golf course will remain open throughout construction.
- Construction of the remaining sanitary sewer progressing east within Airport Road to about Lakewood Circle is expected to be completed concurrent with the bridge construction.
- Colorado Springs Utilities will also relocate 20" and 4" gas lines to just north of the bridge prior to the bridge replacement project. This work is expected to begin in September, 2020.
- Waterlines will be relocated under the bridge during the bridge reconstruction.

Project Benefits and Funding



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Benefits

- Increased capacity to accommodate flows along Spring Creek below Airport Road will reduce flood risk and improve public safety
- Significantly improved pedestrian access and safety with sidewalks on both sides of the bridge
- Greater sanitary sewer capacity to improve the existing system and accommodate future growth
- Reduced maintenance costs
- Contributes to creating a more economically vibrant and walkable community
- Improved neighborhood appearance

Funding

The Airport Road over Spring Creek Bridge replacement is a voter-approved, Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority (PPRTA) II, A-listed project. The required major utility relocations work is jointly funded by PPRTA II and Colorado Springs Utilities. The upsized sanitary sewer is funded by Springs Utilities.

Project Background

Airport Road is an east-west, principal arterial, carrying traffic over Spring Creek on a 47-year-old bridge that is deteriorating, is too narrow to accommodate sidewalks, and has less than half the capacity needed to pass a 100-year flood condition under the roadway. The Spring Creek Bridge is located approximately 730 feet west of Academy Boulevard adjacent to Fire Station 8 and just north of the Valley Hi Golf Course. The creek drains a densely developed watershed that produces high flow rates from summer storms on a relatively frequent basis. The creek flow has overtopped the roadway on several occasions and as recently as last summer. Flood flow crossing the roadway is a hazard to motorists and pedestrians and could affect response times of the Fire department during times when they are most needed.



The existing bridge, constructed in 1973, does not accommodate pedestrian traffic and is located in a community that is dependent on pedestrian accessibility. This situation results in pedestrians sometimes walking in the traffic lanes of this busy roadway to cross the bridge. Several large underground utility lines run under the bridge at shallow depths below it and will require relocation with its replacement.

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Anticipated Project Schedule

(Subject to change based on weather and other conditions)

Sanitary Sewer/Gas Lines

- Design: through late Summer 2020
- Construction: September – January 2021

Bridge/Culvert, Sidewalks and Waterlines:

- Design: through October 2020
- Construction: December 2020 – June 2021

NOTE: Later this year for approximately four months Airport Road at the bridge over Spring Creek will be completely closed for bridge replacement and water line relocation. Signed traffic and pedestrian detours will be in place. The roadway will be reduced to one lane in each direction during other periods of the construction project duration. More information and schedule updates regarding this closure will be sent in future newsletters.

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